

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMISSION ON ETHICS

COMMISSION PANEL DETERMINATION
REGARDING JUST AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE
NRS 281.511(3)

COMMISSION PANEL: TIMOTHY CASHMAN AND GEORGE KEELE

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION
CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF
**Jim Bentley, Former General Manager
Indian Hills General Improvement District,
Douglas County**

**Request for Opinion
No. 05-44**

On May 16, 2006, pursuant to NRS 281.462, a Commission panel reviewed the Executive Director's Report and Recommendations Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause, the request for opinion filed herein, and all related documents and determined that just and sufficient cause does not exist for the Commission to hold a hearing and render an opinion on the allegations that Mr. Bentley violated the provisions of NRS 281.481(2), NRS 281.481(3), NRS 281.481(9), NRS 281.481(10), NRS 281.501(2), NRS 281.501(4), and NRS 281.505 and the complaint was dismissed. Specifically, the panel found no evidence of any act in violation of the Ethics in Government Law by Mr. Bentley in response to the allegations that he created a situation that would allow him to resign his position and be released from his contract as general manager of the Indian Hills General Improvement District with severance benefits, thus allowing for a board member of a public board to seek an employment contract as the interim general manager of the Indian Hills General Improvement District after Mr. Bentley's resignation.

The Request for Opinion is, therefore, DISMISSED.

DATED: May 16, 2006

Adriana G. Fralick

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day at Carson City, Nevada, I placed a true and correct copy of the Commission Panel Determination Regarding Just and Sufficient Cause in a Federal Express envelope and caused it to be sent via overnight delivery service, addressed as follows:

Jim Bentley
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Dated: May 17, 2006

Emily H. Nunez

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